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DAHLIAS GLADIOLI

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RALPH BENJAMIN
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PLEASE READ BEFORE ORDERING

In issuing this catalogue we feel confident that it contains as fine a collection of dahlias as anyone could wish for. Our aim is to include only the best varieties, and any that do not possess those good qualities that make them desirable are discarded.

Prices quoted are for divided, field-grown roots only.

We never substitute unless requested to do so in the order, but would suggest naming a few varieties as second choice.

Dahlia roots will be sent prepaid by mail or express.

All dahlia orders are shipped after May 1st, unless otherwise ordered, gladiolus bulbs after April 1st.

Remittances should be made by bank draft, money order, or registered letter. Orders up to one dollar may be made in stamps.

We guarantee all roots to be healthy and true to name. Having no control over them after delivery, we do not guarantee them to live and thrive. Any unsatisfactory bulbs must be returned within ten days from date of shipment.

If you are unacquainted with the different types and varieties of dahlias, we would suggest that you leave the selection to us. Send the amount of money you wish to invest, and in return we will send you a collection that will surely please. Please state colors preferred.

We grow many varieties in too small quantities to catalogue. If there is some Dahlia or Gladioli that you want and do not see it catalogued include it in your order and we may have it.

Visitors are always cordially welcome. We work hard 6 days in the week and want to rest Sunday.

Thanking you for past favors and trusting we can please you in the future, I am,

Yours respectfully,

RALPH BENJAMIN.

DAHLIAS

NOTE—Peo., Peony; Dec., Decorative; Pom., Pompon; H. C., Hybrid Cactus; Cac., Cactus; Col., Collarette.

A. D. LIVONI (Show)—A fine, pure pink . . . . .	.15
ALEX WALDIE (Dec.)—Cream ground overlaid with a delicate Salmon pink . . . . .	.75
AMBASSADOR (H. C.)—Soft yellow buff, shaded salmon pink.	\$1.00
ANNA REHORST (Show)—Deep shade of purple . . . . .	.40
ARCHILLES (Pom.)—Delicate lavender tipped pink . .	.10
BALLET GIRL (Cac.)—New; very large pure orange; some of the flowers come white, with orange base, others orange edged white; all on the same bush . . . . .	.50
BREAK O'DAY (Cac.)—Clear, sulphur yellow, sulphur white at tips, with satiny sheen throughout; fine flower .	.50
CALIFORNIA ENCHANTRESS (H. C.)—A delightful shade of rose pink, blended with white. The flowers are produced on strong, wiry stems . . . . .	.75
CATHERINE WILCOX (Dec.)—Soft pink on outer petals with deep carmine pink center. Good size flowers on long stems. . . . .	.50
CECELIA (Peo.)—A pale yellow flower, often 8 to 9 inches in diameter; long, stiff stems; a fine cut flower . . . .	.15
CHALANGE (Dec.)—Color a deep salmon red overlaying yellow, with a rosy tint at tips; a fine cut flower ..	.25
CHATANEY (Peo.)—Color similar to the well-known Chataney rose; blooms held erect on long, stiff stems ..	.40
CLARA BARTON (H. C.)—One of the finest flowers of its kind; free bloomer; color, a beautiful creamy white	.50
COUNTESS OF LONSDALE (H. C.)—Deep salmon-red. One of the best. Very free. Should be in every garden	.25
CREMO (Dec.)—Light, creamy yellow, with petals partly quilled; a fine garden or exhibition dahlia . . . .	.50
CUBAN GIANT (Dec.)—Large, dark crimson; very free	.25
DAKOTA (Dec.)—Large flame colored flowers; very good	.50
DARKEST OF ALL (Pom.)—Nearly black; fine form and very free . . . . .	.10
DELIGHTED (Dec.)—Color white, extra large and free bloomer . . . . .	.25
D. M. MOORE (Dec.)—Dark velvet maroon, almost black; large size flowers; dwarf grower . . . . .	.40
DOROTHY WILLIS (Dec.)—An attractive variegated dahlia of good size. Clear white, heavily striped and splashed maroon . . . . .	.50

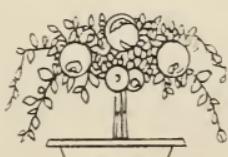
DR. H. G. DEAN (Dec.)	—Brown orange . . . . .	.50
DR. PEARY (Peo.)	—A rich, dark mahogany of large size and a free bloomer . . . . .	.50
DR. TEVIS (Dec.)	—One of the largest and most beautiful decorative dahlias, often over 9 inches in diameter; color, a soft salmon rose, suffused with old gold, which deepens to golden apricot near the center; pronounced by many the most beautiful dahlia grown . . . . .	.50
DR. THURMAN (Dec.)	—An exquisite combination of yellow and copper tints; a free bloomer, on long, stiff stems .	.50
DUCHESS OF BRUNSWICK (Peo.)	—Color, red; outside florets apricot; one of the best all around dahlia . . . . .	.50
DUSKY PRINCESS (Dec.)	—Very free flowering of large bright maroon blooms with long stems . . . . .	.75
ELECTRA (Peo.)	—Color, bluish mauve; large flowers held erect above the foliage; free flowering; a fine dahlia .	.50
FASCINATION (Pom.)	—Pink overlaid lavender; very good . . . . .	.10
FELICIA (Peo.)	—Yellow . . . . .	.50
F. GRAHAM (Cac.)	—A giant cactus on strong, erect stems. Color salmon rose shading to yellow center. One of the few good cactus for cutting . . . . .	.50
FRATERNITY (Cac.)	—Beautiful delicate buff color; fine stems . . . . .	.25
FRITZMAN (Peo.)	—An unusual brilliant red, usually splashed with white . . . . .	.25
FUSI (Peo.)	—A new cream white; flowers erect on good stems . . . . .	.35
GARNET QUEEN (Peo.)	—Deep garnet color; a fine flower .	.25
GEN. BULLER (Cac.)	—A rich, deep crimson, tipped white .	.25
GEORGE WALTERS (Cac.)	—One of the largest hybrid dahlias grown; very free, with flowers well above the foliage on stiff stems; color, a salmon rose, shaded a silvery pink . . . . .	.75
GLADYS SHERWOOD (H. C.)	—An extra fine white flower, free bloomer; of fine form on strong, erect stems .	1.00
GOLDEN WEST (Cac.)	—A beautiful golden yellow, suffused bronze; the petals are short and taper at ends; a very beautiful dahlia as a cut flower . . . . .	.50
GOLDLAND (Cac.)	—A fine primrose yellow of perfect form; as for free flowering it has old Floradora beat . . . . .	.50
GRIZZLY (Dec.)	—A very large flower of deep maroon with good substance. The flower is perfect, with good stems . . . . .	.75
GUIDING STAR (Pom.)	—Extra large, bright marine pink, erect on long, strong stems . . . . .	.25

HARMONY (Dec.)—A fine flower; mauve rose with golden suffusion . . . . .	.35
HENRY MAIER (Dec.)—Large yellow suffused amber; very free . . . . .	.25
HENRY PATRICK (Dec.)—Large flower on long stems; very free; one of the best pure white for cutting . . . . .	.20
HORTULANUS BUDDE (Peo.)—A bright, deep red . . . . .	.20
HORTULANUS FIET (Dec.)—Extra large flower of a beautiful shade of pink; overlaid with salmon and gold; long, stiff stems . . . . .	.75
IVERNIA (Cac.)—Large flowers, of a beautiful salmon-fawn color . . . . .	.30
JAMES C. GILL (Peo.)—Artistic flowers of giant size are carried on long, stiff stems; the plants are medium height and loaded with blooms all season, the color being a rich golden orange marked and toned with scarlet . . . . .	.50
JUDGE ALTON B. PARKER (Dec.)—Yellowish tan. Large heavy flowers on massive plants. Very good. . . . .	.75
KALIF (H. C.)—The large hybrid dahlia; the flowers, with broad, deep red petals, are held well above the foliage on good, long stems; a good all around dahlia . . . . .	.60
KITTIE DUNLOP (Dec.)—Pure cerise rose, good size; on long, stiff stem. . . . .	.75
LA GROSSE BETTE (Dec.)—Very large, deep maroon red; early free bloomer. . . . .	.75
LADY SWAYTHLING (Cac.)—A fine flower for exhibition; very large salmon pink shading yellow at base. . . . .	.50
LA FAVORITA (H. C.)—Beautiful large orange salmon with a long, stiff stem . . . . .	.40
LEO XIII. (Cac.)—Large sulphur yellow . . . . .	.40
LITTLE BESSIE (Pom.)—Creamy; very good; white . . . . .	.15
LITTLE JENNIE (Pom.)—Primrose yellow . . . . .	.10
LORNA DOONE (Cac.)—The blending of colors is unusual; yellow at base, the greater part of the petals being a pink shade yet so decidedly tinged with carmine as to make it very distinct; flowers of medium size . . . . .	.50
MADELINE (Pom.)—Pale primrose edged with rose purple . . . . .	.15
MADONNA (Dec.)—A large, white, each petal shaded to pearl, with slight pink markings; flowers large, on good stems; fine, all around dahlia . . . . .	.40
MANITOU (Dec.)—A large flower of amber bronze; a fine garden or exhibition dahlia . . . . .	.50
MARCELLA GILL (Dec.)—A dandy flower for cutting; the color is a soft shell pink, bright and attractive; a free bloomer . . . . .	.50
MARYAN (Dec.)—Apricot to buff, on perfect stems; very fine for cutting or garden . . . . .	.50

MASTER PAUL (Dec.)	—Pinkish lilac shaded white; a fine, large flower on strong stems	.35
MAUDE ADAMS (Show)	—This wonderful dahlia is one of the best; color, pure snowy white, overlaid delicate pink; the large flowers, produced on long stems, are full to the last; always in bloom	.30
MEDALLION (Peo.)	—Color, a beautiful cerise pink, the central petals being rayed with gold; a very free bloomer	.50
MERCURY (Cac.)	—Deep yellow, striped crimson; a very fine fancy cactus	.40
MERIT (Pom.)	—Pale yellow; fine	.15
MILLIONAIRE, THE (Dec.)	—This is considered one of the largest of its class and attracts admiring attention. The shade is a delicate lavender pink. The flowers are on heavy stiff stems	.50
MINNEHAHA (Peo.)	—Giant flowers of light red on good stems; for cutting	.35
MINNIE RYDER (H. C.)	—Large lavender pink	.50
MISS STREDWICK (Cac.)	—Pink	.50
MME. COISSARD (Peo.)	—Crimson, whitening toward the center; a very large, attractive flower	.50
MONS LENORMAND (Dec.)	—Large, bright yellow, striped with red, often showing white on tips of petals	.25
MR. CROWLEY (Dec.)	—A beautiful shade of salmon pink. Flowers of large size on stiff stems.	.75
MRS. A. BOYER (Peo.)	—A combination of salmon and fawn; a fine cut flower	.25
MRS. A. I. DUPONT (Dec.)	—One of the best varieties grown; color, a rich ruby red; a very free flowering dahlia of large size	.60
MRS. BRANDT (Cac.)	—Color salmon buff bending to golden yellow at center; one of the largest and best	.50
MRS. CARL SALBACH (Dec.)	—One of the prettiest dahlias in cultivation; lavender pink; a very large, full, deep flower on long, stiff stems; fine for exhibition or garden	.60
MRS. C. H. BRECK (Cac.)	—Light red, tipped and overlaid with white; very large and free flowering	.50
MRS. EDNA SPENCER (Cac.)	—Delicate orchid pink	.50
MRS. HARTONG (Dec.)	—A deep orange color tipped with pink	.20
MRS. J. B. RIDING (Peo.)	—Deep crimson; good cut flower	.25
MRS. JOHN BRAY (Peo.)	—White ground, speckled and splashed maroon; a beautiful fancy dahlia of large size; a very free bloomer; fine for exhibition	.75

MRS. J. M. GOODRICH (Dec.)	—Salmon pink, tipped primrose yellow; plants are semi-dwarf, with medium-sized flowers	.40
MRS. ROOSEVELT (Show)	—Delicate pink, large	.25
MRS. SUSAN WILSON (Show)	—Very large, deep burnt orange, veined with orange red	.25
NIAGARA (Peo.)	—A lovely odd shade of red; the flower is very large and unique; the tiny petals are so numerous as often to completely cover the yellow center; a free bloomer on long, upright stems	.60
PAPA CHARMET (Dec.)	—A large flower on erect stems; morocco red suffused garnet	.25
PIUS X (Cac.)	—Beautiful white, slight sulphur-tinted center; flowers very free	.25
POWHATAN (Peo)	—Dark crushed strawberry; a very free flowering dahlia, with flowers of good size	.25
PRIDE OF CALIFORNIA (Dec.)	—This is one of the best reds. It is a wide, loose petaled flower of great size on strong stems; a fine cut flower, as it has splendid keeping qualities.	.25
PRIDE OF ORANGE (Show)	—Rich yellow, heavily tipped red.	.15
PRINCESS JULIANA (Dec.)	—A pure white flower, excellent for cutting or exhibition	.25
PROF. MANSFIELD (Dec.)	—A sparkling yellow, with clear white tips and a tinge of rosy red toward the center	.20
QUAKER CITY (H. C.)	—In this fine new dahlia each petal is supplemented with from three to six narrow pointed petals showing up through the flowers, making a very artistic flower of good size and a very free bloomer; color, primrose yellow	.50
QUEEN OF HEARTS (Cac.)	—Pure white sulphur yellow, center very fine; free bloomer.	.25
RAPIERE (H. C.)	—One of the best autumn shade dahlias; flowers of large size on good long stems; color golden yellow. A free bloomer.	.50
RECORD (Cac.)	—Scarlet orange; large flowers on long, stiff stems.	.20
RED NOKOMIS (Peo.)	—Same as Nokomis but solid red collar.	.30
RHEINCHER FROHSINN (Cac.)	—A very distinct variety; the flowers are large and of fine form, the petals are white at base, but soon change to a luminous carmine rose.	.50
ROBERT MANTEL (Show)	—A very deep maroon; large and free flowering; a rank grower.	.40

ROBERT TREAT (Dec.)—American Beauty colored dahlia of good size.	\$1.50
ROSA NELL —Deep cerise pink. Large size . . . . .	.75
RUBENS (Peo.)—Color, pink, shaded to cream amber; flowers large on long, erect stems; a fine cut flower. . . . .	.50
RUTH ROLAND (Dec.)—Color, sulphur yellow tipped and suffused mauve rose; a very fine dahlia. . . . .	.50
SAMOSET (Peo.)—Color, light yellow, with petals tipped pink; large flowers, on long stems. . . . .	.50
SAN TOY (Pom.)—White, very heavily tipped carmine .	.10
SELMA (Peo.)—Color, rose pink; of large size and very free bloomer; flowers on long, stiff stems. . . . .	.50
SIREN (Single)—Crushed strawberry, crimson and yellow; a most beautiful flower. . . . .	.25
SOUV DE M. SILVENT (Peo.)—A combination of scarlet and gold; a fine flower on long, stiff stems. . . . .	.25
STRADELLA (Show)—Rich, deep purple crimson; free flowering on long stems; very fine. . . . .	.25
SULPHUR KING (Dec.)—Gigantic yellow flower . . . . .	.50
SWEET BRIAR (Cac.)—One of the loveliest shades of soft pink; very long, narrow, incurved petals. . . . .	.50
T. G. BAKER (Cac.)—Large, yellow, narrow petals; very free. . . . .	.25
TITAN (Peo.)—Best dark purple magenta shaded wine; a fine blossom on a good stem. . . . .	.50
TOM LUNDY (H. C.)—Large, rich, glossy crimson. . . . .	.50
VICTORY (Dec.)—A fine large flower; color, a wonderful amber. . . . .	.50
VIVIAN (Show)—White-edged rose purple; one of the largest and finest to date. . . . .	.25
WODEN (Cac.)—Delicate salmon rose, shading to old gold center; very large flowers. . . . .	.50
W. R. BUTLER (Dec. Peo.)—A free flowering white with long stems. . . . .	.25
W. W. RAWSON (Dec.)—Pure white, overlaid with amethyst blue; very large size flowers on good stems. . . . .	.25
Special mixed dahlias from which the labels have been lost.	Each 10c. 15 for \$1.00



GLADIOLUS BULBS

ALICE TIPLADY —A beautiful orange saffron of the Primulinus type.	Each 15c.	Doz. \$1.00
ANNA EBERIUS —Dark velvety purple with a deeper shade in the throat.	Each 15c.	Doz. \$1.25
AMERICA —The popular soft lavender pink.	Each 5c.	Doz. 50c.
ARIZONA —Fine dark pink with maroon markings on lower petals.	Each 8c.	Doz. 80c.
AUTUMN QUEEN —Cream yellow, upper petals suffused with peach, blossom pink. Lower petals are striped carmine red.	Each 8c.	Doz. 80c.
BERTREX —A very good white.	Each 10c.	Doz. \$1.00
BYRON L. SMITH —A delicate pink on a white ground; lighter in the throat.	Each 10c.	Doz. \$1.00
BARON HULOT —Almost a purple, flower of medium size.	Each 10c.	Doz. \$1.00
BREAK OF DAY —Very large pink blossoms with soft, creamy yellow blotches on the lower petals. Very highly recommended.	Each \$1.50	
CAPTAIN BOYNTON —Beautiful light lavender with a deeper lavender blotch in the throat. Tall spike. . .	Each 25c.	
CRIMSON GLOW —An early, rich glowing crimson with a velvety center. Large flowers. . .	Each 10c.	Doz. \$1.00
DIENNER'S AMERICAN BEAUTY —		
EVELYN KIRTLAND —Light pink deepening toward the edge of the petals; brilliant scarlet blotches on the lower petals. Tall, handsome spike. . . .	Each 10c.	Doz. \$1.00
DR. F. E. BENNETT —Large size, fiery red flowers. One of the best red gladiolus.	Each 50c.	
DR. VAN FLEET —Rose pink with a cream throat. Very beautiful. Not many flowers open at a time. Tall spike.	Each 10c.	Doz. \$1.00
E. J. SHAYLOR —Deep rose pink. Many large flowers on a long spike.	Each 10c.	Doz. \$1.00
ELIZABETH TABOR —Large flowers of delicate rose pink. Dark crimson blotch on the lower petals; early.	Each 10c.	Doz. \$1.00
FLORA —Clear, light yellow; large flowers.	Each 10c.	Doz. \$1.00
FERN KYLE —Cream white flowers with slight mark of amaranth purple in the throat. Large flowers. Each	25c.	

GLENDALE —Dark American beauty, rose color. Very good	Each 10c.	Doz. \$1.00
GOLDEN MEASURE —Very large, yellow flowers.	Each 15c.	Doz. \$1.50
GRETCHEN ZANG —Tall, graceful spike of large flowers. A soft shade of pink with carmine throat markings.	Each 10c.	Doz. \$1.00
HERADA —Large, wide open flowers; clear mauve shaded pure purple.	Each 10c.	Doz. \$1.00
HER MAJESTY —Light lavender pink, tipped with a deeper shade. Light yellow throat.	Each 25c.	
LOVELINESS —Cream tinted pink, many flowers open at once. Very good.	Each 10c.	
LE' IMMACULEE —Pure white; many flowers open at same time on a tall, crooked stem. Very good.	Each 10c.	Doz. \$1.00
MARSHAL FOCH —Large ruffled flowers of salmon pink.	Each 15c.	Doz. \$1.50
MARY FENNELL —Deep lilac, shading paler; soft primrose-yellow throat.	Each 10c.	Doz. \$1.00
MARY PICKFORD —Delicate creamy white, with a throat of softer sulphur yellow. A white not seen in other gladiolus.	Each 10c.	Doz. \$1.00
MR. MARK —The best blue.	Each 15c.	Doz. \$1.00
MRS. DR. NORTON —A very beautiful "glad." The blending of pink and yellow must be seen to be appreciated.	Each 10c.	Doz. \$1.00
MRS. F. C. PETERS —Rosy lilac blossoms with soft crimson blotch in throat. Many flowers at one time.	Each 15c.	Doz. \$1.50
MRS. H. E. BATHIN —Light geranium pink; flame scarlet center. Large flower.	Each 15c.	
MOHAWK —Large wide open flowers of cardinal red tinged with purple. Large creamy blotch on lower petal.	Each 20c.	
MRS. LEON DOUGLAS —Large rose colored blossoms striped with scarlet.	Each 50c.	
NIAGARA —Creamy yellow, frequently splashed with bright pink. Large flower.	Each 10c.	Doz. \$1.00
ORANGE GLORY —Large, ruffled, orange colored blossoms with a lighter throat.	Each 10c.	Doz. \$1.00
ODIN —Deep, salmon pink with carmine blotch; early.	Each 10c.	Doz. \$1.00
PEACE —Very tall late white with a crimson blotch in the throat.	Each 10c.	Doz. \$1.00
PINK WONDER —Large pink with base of petal light yellow.	Each 10c.	Doz. \$1.00

ROEM VON KENNEMERLAND —Deep pink, large wide open flower, rather dwarf.	Each 10c.	Doz. \$1.00
ROSE 1910 —Rose pink, lower petals marked with a white line through the center.	Each 10c.	Doz. \$1.00
ROSEMARY —White, thickly marked with parallel lines of lavender rose. Good sized flowers carried on tall, graceful, erect stems. Several open at one time.	Each 25c.	
SWEET LAVENDER —Light lavender with purple blotch.	Each 10c.	Doz. \$1.00
VIRGINIA —A clear, glowing “aster purple”; large flowers on a tall, erect stem.	Each 15c.	
WHITE GLORY —Pure white with an iris blue throat.	Each 10c.	Doz. \$1.00
YOUELL'S FAVORITE —Beautiful rosy lavender with ruffled petals; large flower, rather late flowering.	Each 10c.	Doz. \$1.00
FANCY MIXED —No two gladiolus alike. All colors; put up especially for one who wants nice flowers but does not care to have them named.	Doz. 50c.	100 for \$4.00
SPECIAL MIXED —Selected from named varieties of which I have a surplus.	Doz. 50c.	100 for \$4.00
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MISCELLANEOUS BULBS

MADERIA VINES —A tender climber, with thick, glossy foliage. Small fragrant white flowers.	Each 10c.	
TUBEROSE —Single	Each 10c.	
Double dwarf pearl	Each 10c.	
CANNAS —For several years we sold dormant roots but they sometimes failed to grow. We now start them under glass and each plant is sure to please. Plants are ready when danger of frost is past. Call and see them.		
MADERIA VINES —A climbing vine with thick, glossy foliage. Small fragrant white flowers	Each 10c.	
TUBEROSE —Mexican single	Each 10c.	
Double pearl	Each 10c.	
HYACINTHUS CANDICANS —A summer flowering bulb with a tall spike of pearly white flowers.	Each 10c.	
POENIES —We have a nice collection of this beautiful flower. From the early until late, lasting nearly the whole month of June.		
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2 oz. can	50c.		
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8 oz. can	\$1.60		
1 lb. can	\$2.75	\$1.75	\$1.75
5 lb. can	\$13.00	8.00	8.00

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